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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP NO. 1637

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

The Final Office Action of August 7, 2002, rejected claims 1-9 and 17-23.  
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

✓  
Please cancel claims 21-23 without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in this application and in related applications.

Please amend claims 1 and 18-20 to read as follows:

- B1
1. (Twice Amended) A method for detecting a *Helicobacter pylori* infection, the method comprising the steps of: